

Application No. 10/692848
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REMARKS

Allowable subject matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has done this by amending claim 2 to expressly recite all of the features of independent claim 1. Claims 3-34 depend from claim 2. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that claims 2-34 are now in condition for allowance.

The Applicant has also amended claim 35 to depend from claim 2. Claims 36-47 depend from claim 35. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that claims 35-47 are also allowable for at least this reason.

Cancelled Claims

The Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 48-67.

Conclusions

In view of the amendments discussed above, the Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the foregoing amendments and comments.

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